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**Homecoming 2006: Come back to The Great Outdoors**

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(September 7, 2006)-Come back to the University of Minnesota, Morris and "The Great Outdoors" during 2006 Homecoming festivities September 20-24. A busy lineup of reunions, events and activities is planned. Some of this year's highlights include:

UMM students will be decorating their residence halls in fine Homecoming fashion all day on Thursday, Sept. 21.

The UMM Alumni Association Annual Banquet will be held on Friday, Sept. 22, beginning with a 5:30 p.m. reception in Oyate Hall, followed by a 6 p.m. dinner. Jon Mukand '80 and Stu Starner '65 will be honored as UMM's 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. Jim Gremmels, professor emeritus of English and UMM's first men's basketball coach and current coach, will be inducted into the Cougar Hall of Fame.

A Pepfest, followed by a bonfire will begin at 8 p.m. Friday in the P.E. Center gym, followed by the Black Student Union dance in Oyate Hall.

Start Saturday, Sept. 23, with a refreshing run in the great outdoors of Morris. Register for the annual Cougar Quad Run by contacting the Regional Fitness Center at 320-589-6485 or at 8 a.m. the morning of the run. Run begins at 9 a.m.

Join the campus community to celebrate the completed renovation of John Q. Imholte Hall. An open house of the former social science building will be held from 9-11 a.m. with a short program at 10:30 a.m.

Also on Saturday, the traditional Homecoming Parade will begin at 11:30 a.m. Stand or sit along the parade route which proceeds from the campus to Columbia Avenue to Seventh Street to Atlantic Avenue to Second Street and then to the UMM P.E. Center. To participate or enter a float in the parade, contact Carol McCannon at 320-589-6083.

Great outdoors food will be available for purchase during pre-game tailgating near Big Cat Stadium. A brief dedication of Big Cat Stadium, the UMM-Morris Area High School shared-use football facility, will be held at 12:40 p.m., followed by a 1 p.m. kickoff for Cougars vs. Trinity Bible College. A UMM Alumni Association Reception will follow the game, at 4 p.m. at LaFave House.

The UMM Bookstore will also be open on Saturday from noon-3 p.m.

On Sunday, Sept. 24, an Alumni Brunch will be held from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Food Service building on campus. Alumni choir rehearsal will take place at 10:30 a.m. in HFA Recital Hall in preparation for the 2 p.m. Band and Choir Concert, also in HFA Recital Hall.

For more information about reunions or other Homecoming details, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 320-589-6066 or visit [alumni@morris.umn.edu](mailto:alumni@morris.umn.edu)

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